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# Governor O'Malley and Lt. Governor Brown Congratulate Ravens and Redskins

January 4th, 2013

## Governor and Lt. Governor enter into wager

**ANNAPOLIS, MD** – Governor O'Malley and Lt. Governor Brown today congratulated the Baltimore Ravens and the Washington Redskins for making the playoffs. Maryland is the only state to host two NFL teams in the playoffs this year.

In honor of both teams making the playoffs, the Governor and the Lt. Governor have entered into a wager. If the Ravens make it farther in the playoffs than the Redskins, Lt. Governor Brown has to make an appearance in a Ravens jersey at the Board of Public Works Meeting on February 6th, shortly after the Super Bowl. If the Redskins move on farther than the Ravens, Governor O'Malley has to wear a Redskins jersey during the meeting.

"It is remarkable for our region and a major economic boost that we are the only state that is home to two NFL teams in the playoffs this year," said Governor O'Malley, a Ravens fan. "Both teams have given Marylanders hope and inspired fans all across the nation. We wish the Ravens and the Redskins well...at least until the 'Beltway' Super Bowl."

"Maryland is making history this Sunday as our Redskins and Ravens make their first simultaneous playoff appearances ever," said Lt. Governor Brown, a Redskins fan. "Although my first allegiance lies with the Skins, I take pride in the fact that we have two amazing franchises here in Maryland, with great heart and talented leaders, like Robert Griffin, III and Ray Rice who set an excellent example for our young people on and off the field. I wish both teams the very best of luck and I'm looking forward to seeing Governor O'Malley draped in the Burgundy and Gold."

In honor of the Ravens and Ray Lewis' last season on the field, [the Governor's web site has been transformed to Purple](#), and to celebrate the Redskins and their leading rookie quarterback Robert Griffin, III, [the Lt. Governor's web site has been draped in Burgundy and Gold](#).

The AFC North Division Champion Ravens are in the playoffs for the fifth straight year, and the Redskins have won their first division title since 1999. Both teams will host home playoff games this weekend.

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# Governor Martin O'Malley Announces \$336 Million in School Construction Funding and Upgrades for Maryland Schools

January 7th, 2013

## Funding will create, support and leverage over 8,000 jobs; Proposed funding includes \$25 million for air conditioning in Maryland's public schools

**BALTIMORE, MD-** Governor Martin O'Malley today announced \$336 million in school construction funding and upgrades for Maryland's public schools in the proposed FY2014 budget. This funding continues the O'Malley-Brown Administration's commitment to modernizing and rebuilding Maryland's public schools. In addition, the funding will create, support and leverage an estimated 8,199 jobs.

Despite making more cuts to state spending than any previous administration, the O'Malley-Brown Administration has chosen to make targeted investments in priorities like education and job creation. The proposed budget will include \$325 million for the Public School Construction Program, including \$25 million for air conditioning in schools. Additionally, the Administration will include \$6.1 million for the Aging Schools Program and \$4.5 million in Qualified Zone Academy Bonds (QZABs) that provide investors with federal tax credits in lieu of tax free interest payments to make improvements to schools serving a significant number of students from low-income families. The total school construction commitment under the O'Malley-Brown Administration to replace temporary learning shacks with modern, state-of-the-art 21st Century classrooms now stands at nearly \$2.4 billion.

"In 2006, Anthony and I visited temporary learning shacks where there should have been modern classrooms, and pledged to do everything in our power to put our children in state-of-the-art, 21st century schools," said Governor O'Malley. "Our balanced approach of cuts and targeted investments has enabled us to build the #1 public school system, invest in our key priorities, and at the same time put us on track to eliminate the structural deficit."

"Even in the most difficult economic times, we have far exceeded our \$250 million goal for school construction funding," said Senate President Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr. "Education and school construction funding continue to be our top priority and I commend the Administration on their ongoing commitment to our children."

"The best investment that we can make in our State's future is in our children," said Speaker Michael E. Busch. "The commitment that we have made in school construction not only improves the learning environment for the State's future workforce, but also puts construction workers, one of the hardest hit employment sectors in the State, back on the job."

"The \$25 million we're investing in air conditioning for our schools will help move us towards our goal of having every child in Maryland learning in a building that meets their needs," said

Lt. Governor Anthony G. Brown. "Air conditioning isn't a luxury, it's a necessity that helps fight against mold and allergens in the air, which can cause students to miss class because of asthma or severe allergies. And we won't rest until all 1,396 of Maryland's schools are safe places for our children to learn."

Since taking office, the O'Malley-Brown Administration has remained committed to public education. For four years in a row, Maryland's public schools have been certified #1 in the nation by Education Week Magazine. In the 2011-2012 school year, 83 percent of kindergartners entered school fully ready to learn. Maryland elementary school students achieved their highest MSA scores ever in both Reading and Math, while middle school students achieved their highest scores ever in Math. Maryland's students are #1 in AP success for the fourth consecutive year according to The College Board, and high school students are graduating at the highest rate in history. Together, with Maryland's hard working educators, the dropout rate has been driven down 12 percent since 2006. To give children the tools to compete and win the jobs of tomorrow, the Administration is nearly halfway toward its goal to increase the number of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) college graduates 40 percent by 2015.

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# Statement from Governor Martin O'Malley on passing of Richard Ben Cramer

January 8th, 2013

**ANNAPOLIS, MD** – Governor Martin O'Malley today released the following statement on the passing of Richard Ben Cramer:

"I am deeply saddened by the sudden passing of Richard Ben Cramer of Chestertown, Maryland – a great American, great Marylander, and a dear friend.

"Richard's work as a gifted writer and deeply principled journalist made our Republic a better place; made us a stronger, more compassionate, and more understanding people.

"We have lost one of the best political journalists of our times. We have also lost a great patriot, and one of the kindest souls God ever created."

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# Governor O'Malley and Governor Hickenlooper Prepare for Saturday Ravens-Broncos Showdown

January 11th, 2013

## Governor declares Purple Friday for all state employees; Government House illuminated in "Ravens Purple"

**ANNAPOLIS, MD** – Governor Martin O'Malley and Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper have made a friendly wager in honor of this weekend's AFC Divisional playoff game between the Baltimore Ravens and the Denver Broncos. If the Broncos lose, Governor Hickenlooper will send Governor O'Malley a dozen Colorado lamb chops, and if the Ravens lose, Governor O'Malley will send Governor Hickenlooper a dozen Chesapeake Bay crab cakes.

"The AFC North Division Champion Baltimore Ravens have been to the playoffs for five straight years, and continue to prove that they are one of the best teams in football," said Governor O'Malley. "We look forward to the game Saturday, and wish the Ravens well as they march through Denver all the way to the Super Bowl – and we can't wait to enjoy those Colorado lamb chops."

Governor Hickenlooper added: "The Denver Broncos are the hottest team in football. We look forward to welcoming the Baltimore Ravens to the thin air in Denver and the raucous atmosphere at Sports Authority Field at Mile High. We can't think of a better place than Colorado for Ray Lewis to play the last game of his remarkable career."

In honor of the Ravens and Ray Lewis' last season on the field, [the Governor's web site has been transformed to Purple](#), and he has declared today "Purple Friday" for all state employees.

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# Governor Martin O'Malley Announces \$25 Million for Rental Housing Works

January 11th, 2013

## Investment supports 1,900 jobs and addresses critical shortage of affordable rental housing for Maryland families

**ANNAPOLIS, MD** – Governor Martin O'Malley today, joined by House Speaker Michael E. Busch, Maryland Department of Housing Secretary Raymond A. Skinner, affordable housing advocates, and other officials, announced \$25 million in the Administration's proposed FY2014 capital budget for Rental Housing Works, an initiative launched last year to create jobs and address Maryland's critical shortage of affordable rental housing for working families, senior citizens and individuals with special needs. This year's investment will preserve over 1,100 new affordable rental housing units and support 1,900 jobs.

The FY2014 budget will continue the Administration's commitment to job creation, rebuilding the state's infrastructure, building state-of-the-art classrooms, and contributing to Maryland's communities. Over the past six years, the O'Malley-Brown Administration has made more cuts than any administration in state history, but through a balanced approach, continues to make strategic investments in priorities that matter to Maryland families like job creation and affordable housing.

"There is no more powerful place in our State than a family's home, and there is nothing more important for protecting that home than a job," said Governor O'Malley. "Over these past six years, even as we've made record cuts to State spending, together with the people of our State, we've chosen to invest in priorities that matter to middle class families. That's why today, we're announcing \$25 million for Rental Housing Works, an investment that will support 1,900 jobs and preserve over 1,100 affordable housing units in our State."

The Governor made the announcement at the construction site for the Obery Court apartments near downtown Annapolis where last year, during Phase II of the project, the Administration first launched the Rental Housing Works Program. Since then, 63 rental units have been completed of 174 units planned in three phases.

"All over Maryland, we have helped finance the production of attractive, desirable new homes such as we see here at Obery Court," Secretary Skinner said. "These are projects that create jobs, strengthen communities and provide first-class places to live for families, senior citizens and disabled individuals."

Trudy McFall, president of the Maryland Affordable Housing Coalition, said the Rental Housing Works initiative has been a top priority for her advocacy group. "We are extremely grateful to the governor for his decision to include this in his budget for a second year. The Rental Housing Works initiative creates high quality private sector jobs and will provide badly needed rental housing," she said.

Under the leadership of Governor O'Malley and Lt. Governor Brown, even in the toughest of

times, Maryland has continued to support affordable lending programs for families. To date, the Administration has helped preserve more than 13,196 rental units in 145 projects.

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The Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) works with partners to promote affordable housing opportunities and revitalize great places for Maryland citizens to live, work and prosper. To learn more about DHCD and its programs, visit [www.mdhousing.org](http://www.mdhousing.org).

News updates also are available by following DHCD on Twitter [www.twitter.com/MDHousing](https://www.twitter.com/MDHousing)); Facebook ([www.facebook.com/marylandhousing](https://www.facebook.com/marylandhousing)); and [Community Review](#), DHCD's housing news blog.

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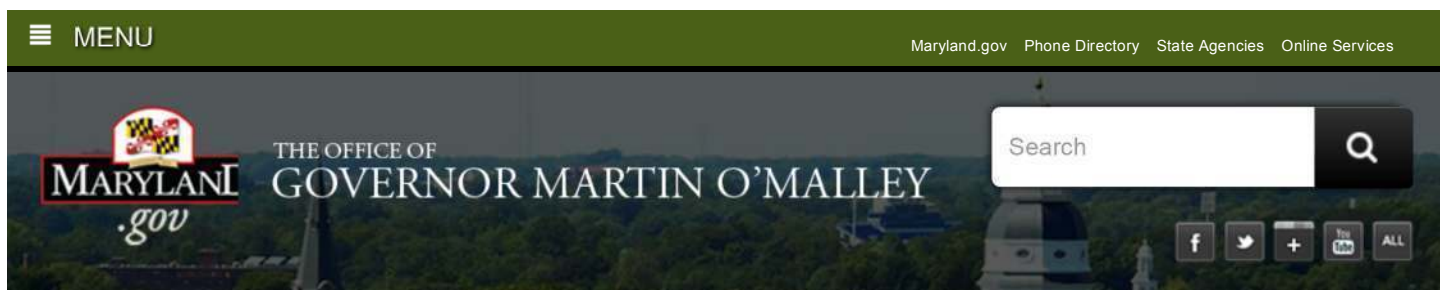
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# Governor Martin O'Malley Announces Administration to File Legislation to Repeal Death Penalty in Maryland

January 15th, 2013

**ANNAPOLIS, MD** – Governor Martin O'Malley today announced that the Administration will introduce legislation to repeal the death penalty this session. The Governor's remarks as delivered are attached and available [here](#).

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# Governor Martin O'Malley Unveils FY2014 Budget Focused on Jobs, Opportunity and Security

January 16th, 2013

**Capital budget supports over 43,000 jobs rebuilding Maryland's roads, schools, bridges, community colleges, and other projects**

**Fiscally responsible budget that preserves Maryland's Triple A Bond rating and protects shared priorities through a balanced approach**

**ANNAPOLIS, MD** - Governor Martin O'Malley today, joined by Lt. Governor Anthony G. Brown and Department of Budget and Management Secretary T. Eloise Foster, officially unveiled the proposed FY 2014 budget – a fiscally responsible jobs budget that constrains state spending; increases the Rainy Day Fund; through a balanced approach, invests in priorities like job creation; education, public safety, health care, and the environment; puts Maryland on the verge of eliminating the structural deficit inherited in 2007 and the recessionary deficit; and maintains the state's Triple A bond rating.

"Because of the better choices we've made together over the years, we enter 2013 in a better position than most other states to create jobs, expand opportunity, and protect the safety and security of our citizens," said Governor O'Malley. "We've built the #1 public schools in America five years in a row, driven down violent crime to three decade lows, and protected our Triple A bond rating. The proposed FY 2014 budget protects the progress we've made together, and places us on the verge of eliminating the long-standing structural deficit."

"Governor O'Malley and I have worked hard to build a budget that reflects our values and continues to establish a strong economic foundation for our state's economy," said Lt. Governor Brown. "As we move forward, we will continue to take a balanced approach to our budget as we build a brighter, stronger future for more Marylanders."

### A Fiscally Responsible Budget

The FY 2014 budget includes \$325 million in spending cuts, increases the Rainy Day Fund to \$921 million, and reduces the structural deficit by \$318 million – putting Maryland on the verge of closing the structural deficit. The FY 2014 budget also adheres to the General Assembly's Spending Affordability Guidelines for the seventh straight year.

The O'Malley-Brown Administration has cut more than \$8.3 billion in State spending over seven years and abolished more than 5,680 State positions. By making tough choices, the Administration has nearly eliminated a structural deficit twice, maintained Maryland's Triple A bond rating, and kept budget growth to the third lowest rate in 21 years. Since taking office, the

Administration has maintained a Rainy Day Fund Balance at five percent or higher. Governor O'Malley has also restored the financial health of the State's pension system while protecting benefits for State employees, and reduced the unfunded liability in retirees' health benefits system by nearly \$7 billion while protecting access to health care for retirees.

#### A Jobs Budget

The FY 2014 budget contains a capital budget that supports over 43,000 jobs rebuilding schools, roads, bridges, community colleges and other projects. As part of the capital budget, the Administration has proposed \$336 million for school construction and upgrades, supporting over 8,100 jobs and building on the progress for Maryland's #1 public schools in the nation.

#### Investing in Shared Priorities

With a balanced approach of spending cuts, the Administration continues to make strategic investments in Marylanders' shared priorities like job creation, education, public safety, health care and the environment. The proposed FY 2014 budget invests in a number of tax credits such as the creation of a new Cybersecurity Tax Credit, and the expansion of the Biotech Tax Credit, the Research and Development Tax Credit, and the Sustainable Communities Tax Credit, as well as a new workforce training initiative that connects Marylanders with the skills they need to compete.

The FY 2014 budget continues the Administration's commitment to public education, investing a record \$6 billion in K-12 education aid. The budget also assists in college completion, and keeps tuition at three percent making college more affordable for more families. The budget released today also invests \$67 million in local law enforcement aid to help men and women on the front lines continue progress in driving down crime. To date, the O'Malley-Brown Administration has expanded health care to over 367,000 Marylanders – the Governor's FY 2014 budget will expand health care to even more families. To protect our natural treasures for future generations, the FY 2014 budget fully funds Program Open Space, invests in the Chesapeake Bay Trust Fund, continues a commitment to the cover crop program, and makes critical upgrades to storm water infrastructure and other projects.

Over the past six years, the O'Malley-Brown Administration has made more cuts than any administration in state history, but through a balanced approach, continues to make strategic investments in priorities that matter to Maryland families.

For more information, including the Governor's budget presentation, and a capital budget map, [click here](#).

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# Governor Martin O'Malley Announces Comprehensive Public Safety Legislative Package

January 18th, 2013

## O'Malley-Brown Administration introduces comprehensive approach to public safety and violence prevention in Maryland

### Administration also releases 2013 legislative agenda

**ANNAPOLIS, MD** – Governor Martin O'Malley today formally announced the Administration's public safety priorities for the 2013 Legislative Session, including a comprehensive approach to addressing gun safety and violence prevention in Maryland.

"Progress is a choice. So long as gun violence continues to take the lives of our fellow Marylanders, there are choices we must make together to protect our children, our families and law enforcement personnel who put themselves in harm's way every day," said Governor O'Malley. "Today, we're putting forward a comprehensive set of public safety initiatives that will improve the safety at our schools, make meaningful mental health reforms, and enact common-sense gun safety measures like banning military-style assault weapons and limiting high-capacity magazines."

"Over recent months, we've witnessed violence throughout this country, often in the places you'd least expect, such as an elementary school in Connecticut or a movie theater in Colorado," said Lt. Governor Brown. "Yet we also know that tragically, in too many of our communities, violence has become far too common-place. This legislative package will give us the tools to combat that violence, but we also need to continue to work together in neighborhoods across Maryland if we want to address the terrible violence on our street corners, in our homes or in our schools."

Gov. O'Malley was joined at the announcement by Lt. Governor Anthony G. Brown, House Speaker Michael E. Busch, members of the Maryland General Assembly, members of the Executive Cabinet, local enforcement and other officials.

This session, the O'Malley-Brown Administration will pursue an agenda to improve public safety and protect Maryland families that focuses on three principal areas: gun safety, school safety, and improving mental health safeguards and services.

### Gun Safety

Among the proposals in the Administration's legislative agenda are a ban on all assault weapons, limitations on magazine capacity from 20 rounds to 10, stronger licensing requirements on handgun purchases and restrictions on possession of guns and ammunition. The package also protects Second Amendment rights with common-sense gun safety

proposals that will not infringe on the rights of law-abiding citizens.

"I applaud Governor O'Malley's leadership to prevent gun violence," said Professor Daniel Webster, director of the Center for Gun Policy and Research at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. "Research supports that purchaser licensing systems are the most effective approaches to curtailing illegal straw purchases and gun trafficking."

"I commend Governor O'Malley for his leadership in working to make communities across Maryland safer by initiating measures to reduce gun violence," said Baltimore County Police Chief Jim Johnson, a member of Vice President Joe Biden's gun task force. "The National Law Enforcement Partnership to Prevent Gun Violence, which I chair, has been calling for background checks for all firearm purchasers, as well as a ban on semiautomatic assault weapons and ammunition magazines in excess of ten rounds – measures the Governor is putting forth today for our state. We must do all we can to ensure that we keep guns out of the wrong hands and that we keep excessive firepower out of our communities."

### **School Safety**

The Governor's FY 2014 budget dedicates \$25 million of the proposed school construction funds to strengthening school security with camera at entrances, automatically locking doors, shatterproof glass, and buzzer entrance systems among other enhancements. The agenda also establishes a Maryland Center for School Safety, a partnership between federal, state and local law enforcement partners to ensure a comprehensive approach to school safety.

Kenneth Trump, president of National School Safety and Security Services commended the school safety component of the Administration's proposal: "School administrators are seeking practical information and resources to better secure their schools and strengthen their school emergency preparedness planning for managing crisis incidents. By providing dollars to improve the security of school facilities, identifying gaps in educator training and emergency plans, and coordinating the distribution of best practice information to school and law enforcement officials, the State of Maryland is taking meaningful steps to help educators strengthen their school security and emergency preparedness."

### **Mental Health**

The Administration encourages a comprehensive approach to safeguarding mental health and making improvements to services. The plan includes information sharing among federal and state partners for background checks, improving mental health services in Maryland, and establishing a Department of Health and Mental Hygiene-led Task Force to Improve Continuity of Care for Individuals in the Community Mental Health System.

"The Maryland Psychiatric Society applauds the thoughtful approach that Governor O'Malley has taken in addressing the issues of violence and mental illness," said Dr. Elias Shaya, chief of psychiatry at Good Samaritan Hospital and President of the Maryland Psychiatric Society. "We look forward to continued collaboration with the Administration to expand access to effective treatment, improve continuity of care, and develop sensible approaches that both protect public safety and support health."

To learn more about the Governor's public safety agenda, [click here](#).

To view the O'Malley-Brown Administration's entire legislative agenda for this session, [click here](#).

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# Statement from Governor Martin O'Malley on Preliminary December Jobs Report

January 18th, 2013

**ANNAPOLIS, MD** – Governor Martin O'Malley today released the following statement on the U.S. Department of Labor's release of preliminary employment data for the month of December:

"Over the last 12 months, Maryland's businesses created 30,300 new jobs. Last month alone, Maryland's private sector created 7,700 jobs – our best December for private sector job growth since 1990. Together, the people of our State have recovered more than 80% of the jobs lost during the Bush recession, and our unemployment rate has been driven to 6.6 percent, 15 percent below the national rate.

"Progress is a choice. Job creation is a choice. That's why this week we submitted a jobs budget that makes the better choices to support over 43,000 jobs for Maryland families in the capital budget alone – a budget that constrains growth below the General Assembly's Spending Affordability Guidelines for the seventh consecutive year while protecting our priorities in education, job creation, innovation and infrastructure that will ensure we remain competitive in the global economy."

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# Statement from Governor Martin O'Malley on Passing of Former Baltimore Orioles Manager Earl Weaver

January 19th, 2013

**ANNAPOLIS, MD** – Governor Martin O'Malley today released the following statement on the passing of former Baltimore Orioles manager Earl Weaver:

"I am saddened to learn of the passing of Earl Weaver, a beloved Baltimore legend, a pioneer, and one of the greatest baseball managers of our time.

"As manager, many will remember Earl for ushering in a new era of success for the Baltimore Orioles. In 17 seasons as manager, he led the O's to four World Series – including the memorable World Championship victory of 1970. Though we will miss him dearly, he will always be remembered for his passion for baseball and his spirited dedication to the Orioles and the City of Baltimore.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with his family at this time."

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# Governor Martin O'Malley Introduces Maryland Offshore Wind Energy Act of 2013

January 22nd, 2013

## Major wind energy project in Maryland would create nearly 850 manufacturing and construction jobs every year for five years

**ANNAPOLIS, MD** – Governor Martin O'Malley today introduced the Maryland Offshore Wind Energy Act of 2013. Identical in all substantive respects to the bill that overwhelmingly passed the House of Delegates last year, this measure will operate within Maryland's existing Renewable Portfolio Standard to create a framework that will support a major offshore wind project.

Based on a report from the U.S. Department of Energy's National Renewable Energy Laboratory, a major 200 MW project would create almost 850 manufacturing and construction jobs for five years and an additional 160 ongoing supply and Operations & Maintenance (O&M) jobs thereafter. Additional projects, both in Maryland and in the region, would lead to a significant new sustainable industry for Maryland workers.

"In this competitive New Economy, the states that win will be those that succeed in leveraging innovation into job creation and economic growth," said Governor O'Malley. "In Maryland, our emerging green sector is a critically important part of our Innovation Economy, and therefore our ability to create jobs and compete globally. By choosing to move forward with this legislation, we're not only creating jobs, but we are also laying the groundwork for a better, more sustainable future for our children."

The Governor was joined by members of the General Assembly, the Greater Washington Board of Trade, the NAACP, members of the Business Coalition for Maryland Offshore Wind, other business leaders, and members of the Maryland Climate Coalition.

The Maryland Offshore Wind Energy Act of 2013, which has 24 co-sponsors in the Senate and 58 co-sponsors in the House of Delegates, creates a mechanism to incentivize the development of a major 200 megawatt offshore wind facility and establish a regulatory framework that will allow additional projects to interconnect in Maryland.

"Alternative energy is critical to reducing our dependence on fossil fuels, cleaning the Chesapeake Bay, and maintaining the high quality of life that we enjoy here in Maryland," said Senate President Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.

"Creating offshore wind opportunities are not only good for the State's long-term energy needs and the health of the environment, but also a good employment engine for Maryland," said Speaker Michael E. Busch. "I commend Governor O'Malley for continuing to advance strong clean energy goals for the State."

The Maryland Offshore Wind Energy Act of 2013 provides the same "strike zone" of ratepayer protections as the bill that enjoyed 88-43 support in the House of Delegates in 2012. The bill will only allow the Public Service Commission (PSC) to approve a proposed offshore wind farm if it projects that the additional ratepayer impact is below \$1.50 per household or 1.5 percent for non-residential customers.

Developers must demonstrate that any project proposed will demonstrate a net economic benefit to the state by creating jobs, economic development and protecting public health. The 2013 legislation also contains a \$10 million Offshore Wind Business Development Fund targeted to small and minority businesses to assist them in preparing to participate in this new industry.

Working with the U.S. Department of Interior, Maryland agencies have helped designate a Maryland "Wind Energy Area" 10 nautical miles east of Ocean City that is expected to be leased to developers later this year.

The O'Malley-Brown Administration remains committed to creating a more sustainable future for Maryland. Through the third quarter of 2012, the EmPOWER Maryland initiative has saved 2.0 million megawatt-hours, an equivalent of taking about 167,000 houses off the grid. Since 2007, Maryland's solar capacity has increased more than 700 times, adding more than 2,000 high-paying jobs, and the state has reduced peak electricity demand almost nine percent. To date, the Administration is more than a third of the way toward reaching its goal of reducing per capita electricity consumption by 15 percent in Maryland by 2015.

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# Statement from Governor Martin O'Malley on Appointment of District 24 Delegate

January 25th, 2013

**ANNAPOLIS, MD** – Governor Martin O'Malley issued the following statement on his decision to appoint Darren Swain to the Maryland House of Delegates:

"After careful consideration of a number of very impressive, qualified, and talented candidates, I am pleased to appoint Darren Swain to represent District 24 in the House of Delegates.

"With experience as a former legislator, support from county and local partners, and his dedication and commitment to moving our State forward, I am confident that Darren Swain will serve the people of Prince George's County with distinction.

"I thank the Prince George's County Central Committee and County Executive Rushern Baker for their valuable insights and hard work in filling this important seat in the House of Delegates for the people of the 24th District of Prince George's County."

Darren Swain previously served in the House of Delegates, District 24, from 1999 to 2003. He presently serves as assistant vice president for alumni relations at Bowie State University. He also served as a business analyst for the Prince George's County Minority Business Opportunities Commission. He holds a B.S. in political science and an M.A. in administrative management from Bowie State University.

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# Governor Martin O'Malley Announces Agreement to Purchase Homegrown Clean Energy Generation on the Eastern Shore

January 25th, 2013

## Innovative agricultural waste to energy program will save Marylanders up to \$80 million in avoided energy costs while improving the health of the Chesapeake Bay

**ANNAPOLIS, MD** – Governor Martin O'Malley today announced the State of Maryland, in partnership with the University System of Maryland, will enter into a power purchase agreement with Green Planet Power Solutions to purchase a minimum of 10 MW of electricity produced from animal waste in Caroline County. The contract, awarded via the competitive Clean Bay Power process, promotes the use of renewable energy, reduces Maryland's contribution to agricultural runoff in the Chesapeake Bay, and encourages job creation while promoting Maryland's farm industry.

"Clean Bay Power is a prime example of how Maryland is leading the nation's efforts in clean energy, sustainability and a growing green jobs sector," said Governor O'Malley. "It is only through a diverse, renewable fuel mix that we will be able to reach our aggressive goal of generating 20 percent renewable energy by 2022, create jobs through innovation, and protect our precious environment."

The Green Planet Power Solutions project, which will be built in Federalsburg and use chicken litter as its primary fuel source, will create 200 construction jobs and 24 permanent jobs, reduce 230,000 pounds of nitrogen runoff annually, and save Maryland between \$53.2 M and \$80.0 M in avoided energy costs over the fifteen year contract period.

"We are confident that Green Planet Power Solutions will move Maryland closer to our renewable energy goals," said Department of General Services' Secretary Alvin C. Collins. "Obtaining electricity from poultry manure or animal waste helps Maryland government to reach its goal of generating 20 percent of its energy needs from renewable sources, all the while improving Bay water quality and supporting the agriculture industry."

The Clean Bay Power project is one of several initiatives that the O'Malley-Brown Administration is pursuing to assist farmers with creating energy and heat from animal waste and becoming more energy independent, all while improving the health of the Bay. For example, the proposed FY14 budget contains \$2.5 million in capital funds for manure to energy projects with proven technology, to be administered by the Department of Agriculture, which will be used to help farmers bring proven energy technologies onto their farms. Another \$500 thousand has been proposed for the development of new manure waste to energy technologies. Maryland Environmental Service continues to develop an anaerobic digester, fueled by chicken litter, which will provide electricity and heat to the Maryland Department of Corrections. The Maryland Energy Administration and the Maryland Department of Housing

and Community Development recently announced the 17 recipients of the Kathleen A. P. Mathias Agriculture Energy Efficiency Program, which provides \$1.4 million in grants to cover a portion of the cost of energy efficiency upgrades for selected farms and agribusinesses.

The Clean Bay Power project is an effort by the Maryland Department of General Services, in coordination with the Maryland Departments of Agriculture, Natural Resources, Environment, the Maryland Energy Administration, and the University System of Maryland.

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# Governor Martin O'Malley Names Teddy Davis Director of Strategic Communications

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**ANNAPOLIS, MD** - Governor Martin O'Malley today announced Teddy Davis as Director of Strategic Communications. Davis will work to keep the citizens of Maryland informed about state government and will help the O'Malley-Brown Administration communicate about its priorities.

"Teddy has a wealth of experience making real progress on issues that matter to middle class families," said Governor O'Malley. "He will serve the people of Maryland well."

"Governor O'Malley gets results even in the toughest of times," Davis said. "I'm excited to be joining a team that is fighting for middle-class families."

Davis has spent many years in the mid-Atlantic region. He graduated from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service and from The Catholic University of America's Columbus School of Law. He is admitted to the practice of law in the District of Columbia and is a member of the National Hispanic Bar Association.

Davis also has experience in state government: in the early part of his career, he was a Special Assistant to the governor of California. Most recently, he served as press secretary to Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa. He has also worked in various capacities with the SEIU, an organization dedicated to improving the lives of workers and their families. Understanding that a strong democracy depends on a strong press, Teddy spent seven years at ABC News, where he earned an Emmy Award.

Davis' tenure in the O'Malley-Brown Administration will begin in mid-February.

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# Governor Martin O'Malley State of the State Address Key Excerpts

January 30th, 2013

## Better Choices; Better Results

### Excerpts From Governor Martin O'Malley's 2013 State of the State Address

**ANNAPOLIS, MD** - Today, Governor Martin O'Malley will deliver his annual State of the State address.

Below are some key excerpts of the Governor's remarks as prepared for delivery:

Progress is a choice. Job creation is a choice. Whether we give our children a future of more or a future of less, this too is a choice.

Our story, Maryland's story, is the story of better choices and better results.

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No other state can say at once, that they are #1 in education five years in a row,[1] #1 in holding down the cost of college tuition,[2] #1 in innovation and entrepreneurship,[3] #1 in human capital capacity,[4] #1 in access to dental care for all children, regardless of income,[5] #1 in PHD scientists and researchers,[6] #1 in Research and Development,[7] #1 in businesses owned by women,[8] and #1 in median family income.[9]

...

When the national recession hit – wiping out jobs and revenues all across our country – other states tried to cut their way to prosperity. Many found this only made things worse. Laying off police officers,[10] fire fighters and teachers,[11] cutting public education,[12] hiking up college tuition by double digits every single year,[13] continuing down the merry path of cutting taxes for the very wealthy, hoping against cruel experience that somehow it would trickle down to the rest of their citizens.

But in Maryland, we made better choices.

We used the pressure of sinking revenues to make government more efficient. For the first time, we started setting public goals with more immediate deadlines.[14] We started measuring weekly performance to make government more effective. We constrained budget growth[15] and made government smaller.[16] We strengthened our Rainy Day Fund[17] and protected our Triple A Bond Rating.[18] We fixed our pension system.[19] We reformed hundreds of pages of regulations,[20] streamlined permitting,[21] and fast tracked jobs projects.[22] We eliminated paperwork, simplified applications for business licenses, and reduced waiting times from months to days.[23] We advanced public-private partnerships to create thousands of jobs at the Port of Baltimore.[24] We put-real time information about the people's government on the internet, converted paper notecards to digital files, and used smart maps to better target our limited resources.[25]

We cut more state spending than any administration in modern Maryland history.[26]

Knowing that we could not cut our way to prosperity, we balanced record budget cuts with modern investments; investments in the very priorities that create jobs and expand opportunity: educating, innovating, and rebuilding for a better economic future.

...

[P]rogress is only possible with fiscal responsibility and a balanced approach.

The budget before you saves more than recommended by the Spending Affordability Guidelines. It increases both our Rainy Day Fund and our Cash Reserves.[27] It protects our Triple A Bond Rating. It very nearly eliminates the structural deficit.[28] And, it brings our total spending cuts to \$8.3 billion dollars over the life of this administration.

These are the choices which enable us to invest in a stronger and better future: more job creation, more opportunity, and a stronger, growing middle class.

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Better choices. Better results. The proof is in our progress.

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[1] In 2012, [Education Week](#) ranked Maryland's public schools #1 in the nation for the 5th consecutive year. Maryland received perfect scores in Early-Childhood Education and Economy and Workforce.

[2] From the 2007-2008 school year to the 2011-2012 school year, tuition at Maryland's public four-year institutions increased only 2%- the lowest increase in the nation according to [The College Board](#).

[3] The [US Chamber of Commerce](#) ranked Maryland #1 in Entrepreneurship and Innovation in 2012's Enterprising States. The Chamber also ranked Maryland in the Top Five for Economic Performance for the third year in a row.

[4] The [Milken Institute](#) ranked Maryland #1 in human capital capacity recognizing Maryland's highly educated workforce.

[5] Maryland was one of only seven states awarded an A by the [Pew Center on the States](#) in The State of Children's Dental Health: Making Coverage Matter.

[6] According to the National Science Foundation and the Bureau of Labor Statistics Maryland has the most employed PhD scientists and engineers per 100,000 employed workers of any

state in the nation.

[7] Maryland receives the most federal research and development dollars per capita in the nation according to the [Milken Institute](#). Research and development investments in Maryland are over 40% greater than that of second-place New Mexico's.

[8] One-third of all businesses in Maryland are owned by a woman- the country's highest percentage. While work remains to be done, Maryland's wage gap is the second lowest in the nation and 12% lower than the national average according to the [American Association of University Women](#) and 2011 American Community Survey data.

[9] Maryland's family median income is \$83,823- the highest in the nation according to the 2011 American Community Survey.

[10] In 2011, Camden, New Jersey cut their police department nearly in half laying off 163 officers bringing the size of the department down to its 1949 level. Despite its high homicide rate, Flint, Michigan laid off two-thirds of their police force from 2009 through 2011. On a typical Saturday night in 2011, Flint had only six patrolmen on duty according to a report by the US Department of Justice [Office of Community Oriented Policing Services](#).

[11] More than 300,000 teachers lost their jobs from the end of the recession to July 2012 according to a [2012 White House report](#). (This is in stark contrast to previous recession recoveries; following previous recessions, local public education was a source of job creation.) As a result of these layoffs, the average student-teacher ratio increased 4.6% from 2008 to 2010 rolling back all of the gains made since 2000. The economy is also affected by such drastic public sector layoffs; if governments still employed the same percentage of the work force as they did in 2009, the unemployment rate would be a percentage point lower, according to an analysis by [Moody's Analytics](#).

[12] The majority of states decreased per-student spending from FY2008 to FY2013. Maryland, by contrast, increased per-student spending by 7.4% during that time- the third highest increase in the nation according to the [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities](#).

[13] From the 2010-2011 school year to the 2011-2012 school year, several states made [double-digit increases](#) to the cost of public higher education. For example, California increased in-state tuition and fees 20.5%, Arizona increased in-state tuition and fees 16.8%, Georgia increased in-state tuition and fees 15.9%, Washington increased in-state tuition and fees 15.7% and Nevada increased in-state tuition and fees 13.7%.

[14] Governor O'Malley set [15 strategic, measurable](#) goals for the State of Maryland and implemented StateStat, modeled after the CitiStat program he implemented as Mayor of Baltimore City, to track progress towards these goals. At bi-weekly StateStat meetings, State managers meet with the Governor and his executive staff to report and answer questions on agency performance and priority initiatives. Maryland has currently delivered 5 of these goals and is on track to meet 5 others.

[15] The O'Malley-Brown Administration has kept average annual budget growth (excluding appropriations to the Rainy Day Fund) to 2%- 73% lower than Governor Ehrlich's average annual budget growth of 7.5% and 85% lower than Governor Mandel's average annual budget growth of 13.4%.

[16] Since taking office, the O'Malley-Brown Administration has abolished 5,738 State positions. Today, Maryland's Executive Branch is the smallest per capita since 1973.

[17] The proposed FY14 budget increases the Rainy Day Fund by a net \$220 M bringing it to \$921 M or 6% of revenues.

[18] Maryland's AAA bond rating was reaffirmed by all three bond rating agencies in July. Maryland is one of only 9 states to earn a Triple A Bond Rating, certified by all three rating agencies.

[19] In April of 2011, the General Assembly approved modifications of Governor O'Malley's comprehensive retirement reform proposal that preserved a defined benefit for state workers, enhanced funding of the pension system and ensured sustainability of pensions for state workers; reform changes were effective July 1, 2011. The most significant modification for active employees in the Employees' and Teachers' Pension Systems was an increase in the contribution level in order to maintain the current benefit level upon retirement. Employees hired on or after July 1, 2011 contribute 7% as well, but earn a reduced benefit. Pension

reforms had no impact on benefits for those already retired as of July 2011 or on benefits already earned by active or former employees. 80% system funding- a benchmark for a healthy pension system- will be achieved by 2023.

[20] Following an Executive Order issued by Governor O'Malley in 2011, Maryland's state agencies with the help of Maryland's business community submitted recommendations for regulations to be reformed. In 2012, the Governor submitted more than 130 State regulations to be repealed, revised or streamlined to the AELR Committee in the General Assembly. Currently, state agencies are preparing their recommendations for submission to the Committee; some proposals have already been submitted. The committee should be reviewing the recommendations this session.

[21] Following a comprehensive review and restructuring of the access permit process in 2010, the State Highway Administration (SHA) has streamlined its access permits process cutting the average processing time for a permit nearly in half from 28 days in 2009 to 17 days in 2012.

SHA reviewed 1,500 projects in 2012 up from 1,000 projects in 2009.

[22] In July, Governor O'Malley broke ground on the State's first Fast Track approved project. The first phase alone of the Pike & Rose Project in Rockville will create over 550 jobs and \$3.7 million in real estate tax revenue.

[23] In January, Governor O'Malley launched Maryland's [Central Business Licensing System](#) (CBL) allowing new business owners to license their business online shortening the time it takes to register a new business from 10 weeks to 5-7 days. Before, new business owners had to fill out paper forms and hand deliver, fax or email to the State Department of Assessments and Taxation (SDAT). With CBL, new business owners can establish their business entity and apply for a trade name with the SDAT and establish their tax accounts with the Comptroller's office all online. On average, 47,000 new businesses are registered each year in Maryland.

The Department of Business and Economic Investment estimates that nearly 5,000 businesses will save time and resources registering through the CBL each year.

[24] In June, four new cranes, the largest of their kind in the maritime industry were delivered to the Port of Baltimore as part of the new \$100 million 50-foot berth being built under the O'Malley-Brown Administration' public-private partnership with Ports America Chesapeake.

The cranes are 400 feet tall with the boom at its tip, can reach 22 containers across on a container ship, and lift 187,300 pounds of cargo. Being fully electric they will emit no diesel emissions. Construction of the new berth supported 3,000 jobs. The berth will support another 2,700 jobs when it becomes operational.

[25] Maryland's first-in-the-nation web-enabled map [GreenPrint](#) enables our State to target its resources towards our most ecologically valuable areas. GreenPrint both informs our land conservation decisions today and also builds a broader and better informed public consensus for sustainable growth and land preservation decisions in the future.

[26] The proposed FY14 budget cuts spending by \$325 M bringing the O'Malley-Brown Administration's seven-year total to a record \$8.3 billion in cuts.

[27] The proposed FY2014 budget leaves \$236 M in the General Fund's balance (18% more than recommended by the General Assembly's Spending Affordability Guidelines). Combined with appropriations to the Rainy Day Fund, the FY2014 budget brings the State's total cash reserves to \$1.157 B.

[28] In 2007, when Governor O'Malley took office, the structural deficit was approximately \$1.7 billion. The proposed FY2014 budget reduces the structural deficit by \$318 million (17% of the FY2012 structural deficit). In the past three years we have closed the deficit by \$1.656 billion or 91%.

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# Governor Martin O'Malley Highlights "Better Choices, Better Results" in 2013 State of the State Address

January 30th, 2013

**ANNAPOLIS, MD** – Governor Martin O'Malley today delivered his seventh [State of the State](#) address before members of the Maryland General Assembly, invited guests, and the citizens of Maryland. In his address, Governor O'Malley focused on the better choices made to achieve better results for our job creation, Maryland schools, and a strong and growing middle class. The Governor highlighted the tough decisions made in the midst of a national recession that enabled Maryland to protect priorities while creating jobs and expanding opportunity.

### Tough, Fiscally Responsible Choices

- We constrained budget growth and cut the size of government: We cut more than any administration in Maryland history; there are fewer executive branch employees now than there were in 2007; on a per capita basis, there are fewer executive branch employees than at any time since 1973; and we've constrained growth more than any administration in modern Maryland history.
- We instituted reforms: We reformed hundreds of pages of regulations; streamlined permitting; fast-tracked projects that create jobs; eliminated paperwork and waste in State government; advanced public-private partnerships; and used smart maps to target our resources.
- We made tough choices: While other states tried to cut their way to prosperity, we used a balanced approach. We made better choices that included new revenue to bolster schools.

Today, we're on the verge of having closed the structural deficit, we've protected our AAA bond rating – certified by all three ratings agencies – and we've strengthened our Rainy Day Fund.

### While Being Fiscally Responsible, We Still Achieved Results

- We've made our schools better: We have the #1 schools in the nation for the 5th straight year; record student achievement; record high school graduation rates; narrower achievement gaps between white and non-white students; the nation's best Advanced Placement scores; and the highest participation rate in AP science, technology, engineering, and math exams in our state's history.
- We've kept college affordable: Since 2007, we've done a better job than any state in the nation in holding down the cost of college tuition.
- We've helped businesses create jobs: The U.S. Chamber ranks us as #1 state in the nation for entrepreneurship and innovation because of our high concentrations of high-tech activity and research; we've recovered a higher percentage of jobs after the national recession than any other state in our region; and we've exceeded our highest-in-the-nation goals for empowering women and minority-owned businesses by awarding state business.



- We've helped keep families safe: We've driven down violent crime down nearly 25% since 2006, and even in light of population growth, incidents of violent crime are below where they were in 1977.
- We are improving sustainability: We have made the Chesapeake Bay healthier; rescued the Blue Crab; restored our Native Oyster; and signed up more farmers than ever before to plant cover crops.

"As we emerge from the toughest of economic times, the state of our State is strong and we are growing stronger," said Governor O'Malley.

For the Governor's complete remarks, as prepared for delivery, [click here](#).



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